

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions , and listings, of claims in the application.

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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of conducting an international transaction in goods  
10 between a buyer ~~having a destination location for the goods~~ and a seller ~~of the goods~~  
~~having a selling location for the goods~~, comprising:

identifying a source country ~~for the seller's~~ from which the seller will ship the  
goods and a ~~buying destination~~ country ~~for the buyer's destination for to which~~ the goods  
will be shipped;

15 querying a shipping module to calculate a total shipping cost for shipping the  
goods along a shipping rout ~~at a service level~~ from the source country to the destination  
country;

querying a brokering module to calculate a total brokering cost for brokering the  
goods along the shipping rout;

20 querying a tax module to calculate a total tax cost for the sale and transportation of  
the goods;

providing a total cost to the buyer, the total cost including a sale price, the total  
shipping cost, the total brokering cost and the total tax cost;

receiving authorization to conduct the transaction;

25 transmitting shipping instructions to a carrier;

generating customs instructions including customs invoice information, which is  
additional to information on documents typically in transit with purchased goods, for a  
first country; and

30 transmitting the customs invoice information to a ~~customs broker~~ brokering party  
for the first country.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising automatedly  
transmitting manufacture instructions upon receiving authorization to conduct the  
transaction.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting shipping instructions includes transmitting the total shipping cost, calculated in the step of querying a ~~database of shipping information~~ module, to the carrier.

5 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting customs invoice information includes transmitting the total brokering cost calculated in the step of querying a ~~database of brokering information~~ module, to the broker.

10 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising:  
automatedly receiving and tracking status updates regarding the status of the goods in transport to the buyer; and  
providing status reports summarizing the received status updates in response to status requests received regarding the status of the goods.

15 6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization to conduct the transaction is received from the buyer after the step of providing a total cost to the buyer.

20 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, and further comprising:  
querying transaction restriction modules to identify any national restrictions that would make the transaction illegal; ~~and~~  
notifying all parties that the transaction can not be completed if any national restrictions making the transaction illegal are identified; and  
automatedly repeating the steps of querying a transaction restriction module and notifying all parties at a later date that is prior to the goods being shipped.

25 8. (original) The method of claim 7, and further comprising transmitting messages to relevant legal compliance modules configured to track legal compliance information for subsequent reporting to relevant national governments.

30 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, and further comprising automatedly transmitting an authorization to bill to a billing module upon receipt of a proof of delivery.

10-15 (canceled)

16. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes information generated based on customs requirements of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

5 17. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes a description of goods consistent with requirements of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

10 18. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes a description of goods consistent with best practices of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

15 19. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes a classification of goods consistent with requirements of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

20 20. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes a classification of goods consistent with best practices of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

21. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information is generated to be consistent with prior shipments of the seller.

25 22. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information is generated to be consistent with prior shipments of the buyer.

30 23. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information is generated based upon the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

24. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information pertains to preferred business practices of customs submission in the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

5 25. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes information based upon prior transactions by the seller.

10 26. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the customs invoice information includes information based upon prior transactions by the buyer.

27. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs invoice information includes information specifying duties to be paid.

15 28. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein the duty-payment information includes information regarding an assist.

20 29. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of transmitting the customs invoice information, the customs invoice information is transmitted such that the brokering party receives the customs invoice information prior to the arrival of the goods in customs of the country for which the brokering party is brokering the goods.

25 30. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of transmitting the customs invoice information, the customs invoice information is transmitted such that the brokering party receives the customs invoice information separately from documents accompanying the goods.

30 31. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the first country is the destination country.

32. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step of generating customs instructions, the customs instructions include customs invoice information, which is additional to information on documents typically in transit with purchased goods, for a second country that is different than the first country, and further comprising:

5 transmitting the customs invoice information for the second country to a brokering party for the second country.

33. (new) The method of claim 32, wherein the brokering party for the first country is different from the brokering party for the second country.

10 34. (new) A system configured for conducting an international transaction in goods between a buyer and a seller, comprising:

a means for identifying a source country from which the seller will ship the goods and a destination country to which the goods will be shipped;

15 a means for querying a shipping module to calculate a total shipping cost for shipping the goods along a shipping rout from the source country to the destination country;

a means for querying a brokering module to calculate a total brokering cost for brokering the goods along the shipping rout;

20 a means for querying a tax module to calculate a total tax cost for the sale and transportation of the goods;

a means for providing a total cost to the buyer, the total cost including a sale price, the total shipping cost, the total brokering cost and the total tax cost;

a means for receiving authorization to conduct the transaction;

25 a means for transmitting shipping instructions to a carrier;

a means for generating customs instructions including customs invoice information, which is additional to information on documents typically in transit with purchased goods, for a first country; and

30 a means for transmitting the customs invoice information to a brokering party for the first country.